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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we look ahead to the new year, community engagement and strengthening our committees is expected to be a top priority. After all, "Where Community Connects" is more than our city's motto; it is a reality.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Engagement opportunities abound through various civic and church groups, in dedicated volunteer committees, a va-

riety of social events and gatherings, and in our thriving businesses — each providing a unique way to bond in our commonalities.

So as we approach year 2022, I am especially pleased to announce our renewed commitment to connection and outreach. To assist in the continued fostering of relationships, we plan to integrate five main areas of focus that are expected to drive our outreach efforts. Created in harmony with our latest city survey completed this past month, those areas include:

- **1.Growth** To ensure responsible growth management regarding new- and re-development plans, with consideration to the long-term impact on our community.
- **2. Crime Prevention** To address issues of crime proactively and ensure response through proper funding of the police department, while respectfully engaging with residents in the prevention of crime and awareness as to potential concerns.
- **3. Traffic** To conduct ongoing research for relevant traffic study data, perpetually reviewing with city engineers and engaging with Salt Lake County and state planners to ensure continued maintenance of roads and improved traffic conditions.
- **4. Recreation** To provide a positive spirit of cooperation with business owners and recreation partners, thus providing opportunities for residents to explore and enjoy city amenities.
- **5.Communication** To perpetuate and enhance platforms of communication through various mediums within the city, allowing for proper dissemination or reception of ideas and opportunities throughout the community.

All of us at City Hall are planning to incorporate these goals into every aspect of our community outreach program – thereby providing a framework for linkage and commonality among our various city departments, volunteer committees and working groups. We want to streamline our focus as we work together with shared purpose throughout this new year and beyond.

Through these combined efforts, it's our hope and intent that Taylorsville will continue to thrive as a wonderful place to reside, work and truly connect. We'll provide more information as our outreach efforts get fully under way. Until then, I'm very much looking forward to this next year and all that it brings as we continue to work together in building our great community.

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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Year in Review: Building Blocks Define 2021 in Taylorsville



The City of Taylorsville saw the completion of many significant projects over the past year, marking success in key areas of Economic Development, Transportation, Public Safety, Arts Parks and Recreation, and Community Building.

"It was an outstanding year for us," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "From completion of the beautiful new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and Centennial Plaza to celebrating our 25th Birthday, overall, 2021 was a defining year."

While the coronavirus pandemic continued to create challenges, the city worked to move forward with vision in each of the five building block areas. "We believe by concentrating on these areas, both with our attention and resources, we can continue to expand on all of the city's successes in making our city even stronger," Mayor Overson said in her December column of this Newsletter.

Some of the projects in each of these areas over the past year include:

Economic Development. Perhaps most significantly in this area, plans have been approved to replace the old Kmart property with a new mixed-use development called West Point. A Thackeray Company project, the new development

is planned for the southwest corner of 5400 South and Bangerter Highway and will feature 647 residential units, swimming pools, a clubhouse, retail space and other amenities.

Also, in the area of Economic Development, Google Fiber has been working over the past six months, to install its highspeed, high-bandwidth internet services in Taylorsville. In a game-changing partnership, a



resolution approving the agreement was unanimously passed by the City Council on April 21. Taylorsville was the first city on the west side of the valley to receive this service.

And in September, two \$15 Shop Local bucks were mailed to residents again this year to spend in Taylorsville. More than 50 businesses participated, postcards were mailed to 20,500 households, and more than 95% of funds were spent at local shops and restaurants. The 2021 Shop Local program was funded through a \$180,000 grant from the city.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Emergency	
Police Department	
Poison Control Center	
Animal Control Shelter	
Animal Control After House Dispatch	801-840-4000
Building Inspection	
Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce)	801-977-8755
Fire Department	801-743-7200
Gang Tip Line	385-468-9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up	385-468-6325
(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)	
Granite School District	385-646-5000
Health Department	
Highway Conditions (from cell phone)	511
Park Reservations	
Public Works (Salt Lake County)	385-468-6101
Dominion Energy	
Rocky Mountain Power	888-221-7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801-974-6920
Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District	801-968-9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	
Taylorsville Senior Center	
Taylorsville Code Enforcement	801-955-2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801-963-0268
Taylorsville Library	
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385-468-1732
Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day)	801-967-5006
Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center	
UDOT Region 2	
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	

EVENTS JANUARY 2022

Jan. 1 – All day

Happy New Year! City Hall is closed.

Jan. 5 & 19 - 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall & online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Jan. 11 – 7 p.m. & Jan. 25 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

Jan. 17 – All day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall is closed.

Jan. 18 – All day

Opening Day of the Legislature @ State Capitol.

Jan. 31 to Feb. 5

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," presented by the Taylorsville Arts Council. Details, including time and location, to come.

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Also, a standing event every Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m., at City Hall is the "Mayor is In." During this time, Mayor Kristie Overson has open office hours to meet with residents about any issue on their minds. Drop by and meet with the Mayor.

All are welcome.

We Can All Help with Snow Removal

With winter now here, snow removal is an important part of keeping our city going and everyone safe. We can all help out and do our part. Snow removal is also outlined in the city's ordinances. They include:

14.32.100: SNOW REMOVAL; REQUIRED:

It is unlawful for the owner, occupant, lessor or agent of property abutting on a paved sidewalk to fail to remove or cause to be removed from such paved sidewalk and any existing curb ramp all hail, snow or sleet falling thereon, within twenty four (24) hours after the hail, snow or sleet has ceased falling.

14.32.110: SNOW REMOVAL; CLOGGING GUTTER PROHIBITED:

It is unlawful for any person removing snow from a sidewalk or curb ramp to deposit snow, dirt or other material in a gutter so as to clog the same, or prevent the free flow of water therein.



14.20.105: PLACING SNOW UPON HIGHWAY PROHIBITED:

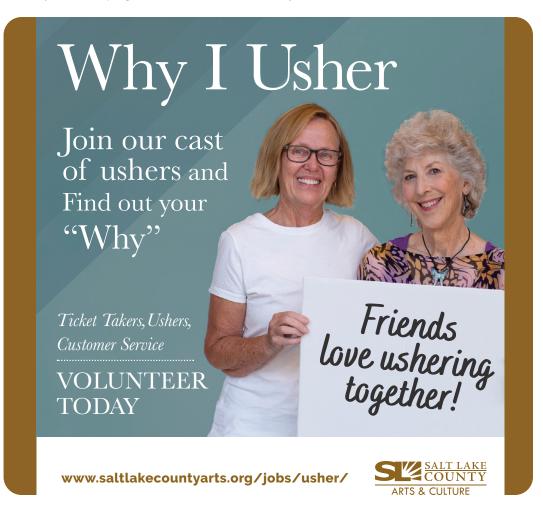
It is unlawful for any person removing snow, ice or other material from a sidewalk or driveway to place or deposit said snow, ice or other material upon any city road or highway in such a manner as to interfere with the proper use of the same or so as to obstruct travel or to endanger property or persons upon the same.

11.20.080: PARKING PROHIBITED WHEN:

It is unlawful for any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle or trailer to park or knowingly allow to be parked any vehicle or trailer on any street or highway:

A. After any snow and/or ice accumulation, until after the street or highway is cleared of snow and/or ice.

Thank you for keeping these codes in mind and stay safe this winter!



COUNCIL CORNER Our New Year's Resolution? Small Acts of Kindness & Service

By Council Member Meredith Harker

Well, friends and neighbors, we made it through another crazy year and are now looking forward to a brighter, healthier, more prosperous New Year in 2022 (or so we hope). According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of the Tiger promises to be a year of lucky changes. I am sure we could all agree that we could use some luck after the last two years.

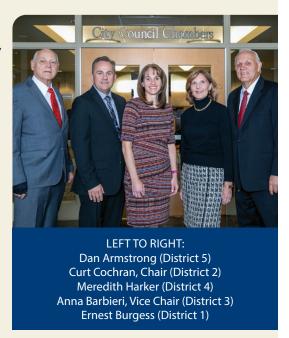
I know I start every year like most of you, making goals of how to take better care of my health, my finances, my mental health and other life obligations. This year though, I've decided to keep my list simple. What if this year we all just decided to be a little more kind to each other?

What if our goals included smiling more, complaining less and being grateful for our circumstances, whatever they may be? Maybe we could decide to get to know a neighbor or volunteer for some service? I am a big believer that it is the small and simple things that will make the biggest differences. Vincent Van Gogh is given credit for saying, "Great

things are done by a series of small things brought together." And former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin said, "While it may seem small, the ripple effect of small things is extraordinary."

Here in Taylorsville, we have seen the small and simple acts (and sometimes quite large ones) of so many of our citizens make a positive difference in our community. Such acts have ranged from taking the initiative to clean up portions of our freeways to trimming shrubs for a neighbor, as well as volunteering countless hours spent digging dirt at Labrum Park and collecting food on the part of our Youth Council to help needy families. I've heard of people bringing in treats and food to our new Taylorsville PD just to say thank you, and others have given advice and help on neighborhood Facebook pages.

All of the little kindnesses we give daily is what will change the world. If we as a community decide that we are going to give a helping hand to others, treat each other with respect and follow the Golden Rule, then Taylorsville will continue to be a place that we will all want to call home for long into the future.



Active Taylorsville Project Aims to Increase Pedestrian, Bike Mobility



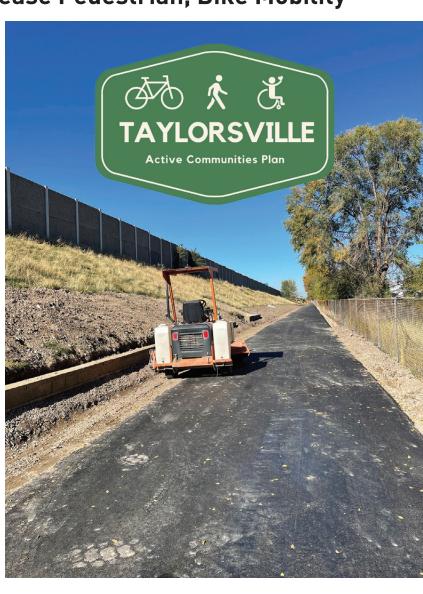
The City of Taylorsville wants to better incorporate bicycle and pedestrian mobility into its transportation and recreational planning. Taylorsville residents have repeatedly expressed a desire to increase pedestrian and bicycle mobility within the city by developing active transportation (AT) improvements and pedestrian-oriented places.

To accomplish these goals, the city started the Taylorsville Active Communities Plan, a study that will:

- Create a comprehensive AT Master Plan that formalizes locations, types, and standards for active transportation routes, incorporating various regional plans and local connectivity objectives;
- Develop architectural and site design standards in transit and pedestrian-oriented development and redevelopment areas; and
- Update the city's current Transit Corridor zoning classification to reflect current development objectives and advanced construction practices.

To learn more, provide your input and see a timeline of the project, visit *ActiveTaylorsville.com*. Salt Lake County also has been working to develop an Active Transportation Implementation Plan to identify and prioritize specific routes linking connections between communities. You can read more about that project and see the proposed bicycle network for Taylorsville at taylorsvilleut.gov under the News section.

Pictured is work that has already begun on a trail in Taylorsville that will run east of I-215 along 5400 South and tie back into a neighborhood further north.



Getting to Know

TVPD

School Outreach is an Important Part of TVPD

Get to know the new TVPD. Check this space each month for articles highlighting the units and employees that make up the Taylorsville City Police Department.

TVPD has two Directed Enforcement detectives who serve part time as resource officers within the eight elementary schools located in Taylorsville. The officers primarily focus on working with fifth-grade students.

Their objective is to encourage students to make good choices. They complete this objective through a program titled "Too Good for Drugs." More importantly they complete the objective through positive interactions within the classrooms, at lunch and during recess. Having these officers within the elementary schools is, by design, meant to be a positive experience for all students. It is part of TVPD's community policing efforts. These students have proven to be remarkable and are proof that our future is in great hands.

Along with this program, each year, TVPD has given the fifth-grade students in Taylorsville the opportunity to design a holiday card. The two winning contestants' drawings are used as the official TVPD holiday card. This year, more than 250 drawings were submitted. See some of the drawings with this article and visit our Facebook page @TVPDutah to see more. Also, check out our February Taylorsville Journal for information about our two winning contestants. We congratulate all of the students and thank them for their fantastic drawings. Truly, their artwork made us all smile throughout the holiday season.









TVPD Employee of the Month

Please join us in congratulating Officer Daniel Christensen as our TVPD Employee of the Month. Det. Christensen is part of TVPD's Directed Enforcement Unit and has more than 10 years of experience in law enforcement. He has worked with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, as well as Unified Police Department and its Taylorsville precinct before continuing on with TVPD. He has worked in patrol and traffic investigations, as well as directed enforcement. Det. Christensen's educational background includes an associate's degree in criminal justice from Salt Lake Community College. In his spare time, he enjoys being with his family, camping, mountain biking, riding motorcycles, boating and watching movies.

He was nominated as TVPD Employee of the Month by his colleague Det. Kyle Andrew for his efforts to help a man, Kit Kelley, who is confined to a wheelchair and homeless. "Det. Christensen took it upon himself to seek out assistance for Kit," which was no easy task, Andrew said. To obtain a spot at a converted hotel for Kelley to stay, Det. Christensen had to obtain ID for him, provide transportation, continuously communicate with the place of lodging and fill out myriad paperwork. Completing much of the documentation required Det. Christensen to sit with Kelley in the dirt underneath the Jordan River Trail Bridge at 4500 South, where he had been living. "As Kit's health continued to decline over the past couple years, the fact he has been placed in a facility that will keep him well fed, warm and medically monitored, may have very well saved his life," Det. Andrew said. "I was personally doubtful Kit would have made it through another winter on the trail.

"Det. Christensen is a great example of someone who truly serves the community and genuinely cares about people," he added. "It is an honor to work with him."



Kris Kringle Comes to Town for Saturday with Santa Event

Santa visited Taylorsville over the holidays and found everyone on his Nice List. The annual Saturday with Santa event held at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Museum marked its 16th anniversary this past month with plenty of fun for all, including children's crafts and games, choir performances and tasty treats.

This year, Santa rode into the event on a fire truck. "We had such a great time, and the weather was perfect," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "We couldn't have asked for a better day."

As part of the occasion, the Youth Council collected clothing items for the homeless. Those attending also brought food to donate to the Taylorsville Food Pantry.

Thank you to the Taylorsville Preservation Committee, as well as the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Diversity committees, for sponsoring another outstanding event!











Wonderettes Deliver Another Holiday Hit



The Taylorsville Arts Council put on a smashing production of the Winter Wonderettes to kick off the holiday season with shows on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center.

This year's Wonderettes were Rachel Bates, Maren Abercrombie, Tiffany Boyle and KarLee Smedshammer-Warburton. The Granger High Madrigals also provided preshow entertainment.

Written and created by Roger Bean, the musical tells the story of four girls who use their talent and creative ingenuity to save the holiday party when Santa turns up missing. The production was directed by Taylorsville Arts Council Director Wendy Dahl-Smedshammer and featured '60s versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland." The show's Music Director was Granger High choir teacher Steven Broschinsky, and Nancy Henderson was the Costumer.

Look for the Arts Council's next big production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, coming up Jan. 31-Feb. 5.

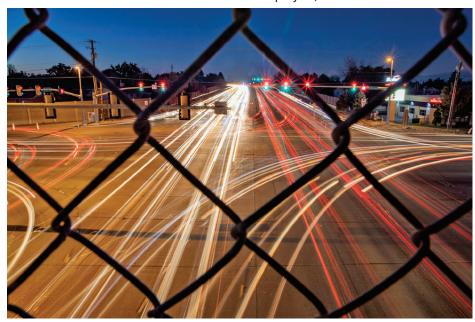


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Transportation. Crews are nearing completion on the freeway-style interchange at 6200 South and Bangerter that will vastly improve commute times. Traffic on Bangerter Highway was shifted a month ago onto the new, grade-separated overpass and crews continue to work on concrete installation, sign foundations and noise walls.

Also coming soon is the Mid-Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit line and improvements along 4700 South. The BRT line will run from Murray Central Station to the SLCC Redwood Campus in Taylorsville to the West Valley Central Station.

Work has begun, too, on a Taylorsville Active Communities Plan to better incorporate bicycles and pedestrians into transportation and recreational planning. (See Page 3 of this section for more information about this project).



Public Safety. The Taylorsville City Police Department launched on July 1 after a year of planning and transition. Led by Chief Brady Cottam and Deputy Chiefs Todd Gray and Brett Miller, the force numbers 70 people, including officers and civilian staff. In leading up to its start, the city received 289 applications for TVPD jobs; more than 125 interviews were conducted, and 72 background checks completed. The new K9 unit, including police dogs Koda, Cowboy and Turbo, was introduced, and a Community Advisory Board will get under way this year.

The Unified Fire Department continues to valiantly serve Taylorsville. Notably this past summer, Taylorsville firefighters assisted again in fighting wildfires in California, and they helped hold a final-wish parade for a young man from Taylorsville who passed away from a rare brain tumor.



Arts, Parks & Recreation. The City of Taylorsville celebrated the opening of the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center with a Ribbon Cutting on May 26 and a series of Open Houses in the first part of June. Right next to City Hall, the beautiful facility features the main 400-seat theater, the smaller Studio 5400 theater seating 200, dressing rooms, reception space, backstage area including the 14-foot "Jurassic door" for props, and more.

In complement, the Arts Center and City Hall are situated on Centennial Plaza, which opened Oct. 15 and includes walking paths and greenery, an outdoor stage, arbors and picnic areas, a concessions facility and several installation areas for public art. The plaza was constructed by Hogan Construction and sits on 19.6 acres. With the opening of Centennial Plaza, the city also launched its Plaza +ART program that placed six sculptures by local and area artists throughout the plaza and will feature public art on a rotating basis.

Additionally, in this area of Arts, Parks & Recreation, volunteers have been working diligently on a project called Loving Labrum Park that will bring water-wise land-scaping and other improvements to the park at 6041 S. Jordan Canal Road, and new surprise signs with the history of the Cabana Club were installed at Cabana Park at 1566 Conifer Way.

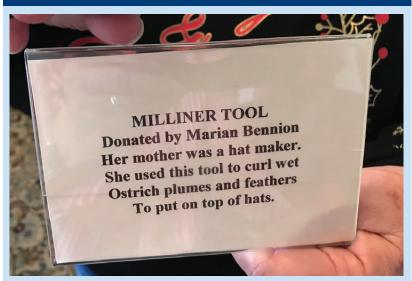


Community Building. The city celebrated its 25th Birthday this year with a Birthday Bash to remember for Taylorsville Dayzz, complete with parade, petting zoo, carnival rides, food booths, concerts and 5K. The annual Collection Day, sponsored by the Green Committee, was more successful than ever and the Taylorsville Arts Council put on several productions and a Silver Jubilee Art Show in bringing the community together.

"It's amazing to me that as a city, working together, we accomplished so much this past year," Mayor Overson said. "I love our Taylorsville home."



Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES



The Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee wanted to feature some of our heirlooms from the museum this month. We chose the items pictured with this article because when we hosted the Saturday with Santa event on Dec. 4, they were some of the artifacts that were most commented upon. Those items are:

- A wooden sock darning ball with a sock that has a hole in it and needs darning. Darning means to weave the thread back and forth, thus covering up the hole.
- A unique tool that was used to curl wet Ostrich Plumes and feathers to put on top of hats. Marion Bennion's mother, Ida Mae Racine Sears, was a hatmaker and used this fun tool.
- Two ladies hat pins that were used to weave through their hair after they placed the hats on their head. They worked well on a mild windy day. (The pins were also probably used to defend themselves as needed if they were approached by an undesirable person. But, of course, you can't get away with that nowadays, especially when going through metal detectors!)

See these interesting items and much more by visiting the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Museum in person. We're located at 1488 W. 4800 South. Winter hours are Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.







TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive



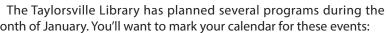
Grab Lunch, Visit with Friends at the Senior Center

The Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive, offers lunch daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Just get a ticket at the front desk, and view the menu, as well as a program schedule, online at www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center

Remember becoming a member is free and it allows you access to the Taylorsville Senior Center and all the other county Senior Centers. Come in and see Daisy to fill out an intake form to get an access card.

Don't Miss These Library Events

month of January. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:



ADULT VIRTUAL LECTURE

Beowulf: Understanding the Men and the Monsters

Monday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

Beowulf is considered the oldest epic in the English language. J.R.R. Tolkien argued for its inclusion in literary studies. Andrew R. Bahlmann will highlight this first great work of English literature. He is an associate professor at Snow College in Ephraim and is author of the book The Mythology of the Superhero. Bahlmann has a master's degree in Old English literature from the University of Colorado Boulder and PhD from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

ADULT VIRTUAL LECTURE

Gary Larson's Weird Cartoons: The Cultural Significance of The Far Side

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.

Kerry Soper will discuss why Gary Larson's hugely popular cartoon, The Far Side, was so controversial when it first upended the traditional comics page in the early 1980s. Soper, a professor in the Department of Comparative Arts and Letters at Brigham Young University, writes about the history of comedy and satire in comic strips, television, film and other popular media. His books include Garry Trudeau: Doonesbury and the Aesthetics of Satire, We Go Pogo: Walt Kelly, Politics, and American Satire, and Gary Larson and The Far Side.

You must register for these events to receive the link to the WebEx virtual lecture. Go to: thecountylibrary.org/LectureSeries

Winter Reading

Read and put the win into winter!

Finish and receive one free book from your local County Library branch.

The library will be closed on the following dates in January:

Saturday, Jan. 1, all day Happy New Year

Monday, Jan. 17, all day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day





JANUARY UPDATES

2021 Rates and Fees

WFWRD's Administrative Control Board approved its Budget & Fee Schedule for 2022. The base fee for residential services will remain at \$17 per month (\$204 per year). Although there is not a fee increase to the residential base fee, the following have been approved for 2022:

- New can fees will increase from \$50 to \$60 while discontinuing the \$10 stand-alone delivery fee.
- New home startup fees will increase to \$130 to cover the costs for two new can purchases (garbage/recycling — \$60 per can + \$10 delivery = \$130).
- Damaged can fee of \$70 for customer-caused damage of a can will be discontinued. All replacement can fees are \$70.
- Fees for a refurbished can will increase from \$20 to \$35.
- New fee of \$120 for a 14-yard roll-off container, requested by municipalities for cleanup events, which shall include the delivery of the container and up to two tons of disposal per container.

All of these fee increases are due to continually increasing disposal and operating costs. A complete listing of rates and fees, along with WFWRD's budget presentation, can be found at: wasatchfrontwaste.org/rates-fees

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will be collecting Christmas trees during the month of January. For collection, place your undeco-



rated tree on your curb. The trees will be collected the day after your regular collection day during the month of January. If drivers don't get your tree one week, they will be back the following week. Please call WFWRD, or chat with them on their website for additional information.

- · Please remove all snow off the tree.
- Trees with decorations, lights, tree stands or flocking cannot be accepted.
- Do not place the tree in your garbage, recycling or green waste can.
- If the tree is more than 8 feet tall, please cut it into smaller sections.
- Artificial trees cannot be accepted.

Recycling Reminder

As gifts and presents are exchanged this season, please remember that paper-based wrapping paper is recyclable but plastic or Mylar wrapping and bows/ribbons are not. Additionally, cards with foil elements or glitter are not recyclable.

Facebook/Twitter

As we move into the cold, winter months; WFWRD sees the possibility of bad weather affecting the ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. Their Facebook and Twitter pages are the best way for residents and customers to find out if there could be a delay in service due to weather or traffic complications. Please follow the district on Facebook and Twitter to stay apprised of these issues, and also to receive waste and recycling tips and updates.

Conservation Garden Park Offers a Taste of Spring

Excited to see those spring flowers?

The Conservation Garden Park is offering free classes to inspire, educate and empower our communities to create and enjoy waterwise landscapes. Located on 10 acres in West Jordan the Garden Park is easily accessible from all Wasatch Front communities.



The garden began with six examples of waterwise landscaping in a mock residential setting. It has since expanded to include interactive exhibits for educating the public on waterwise design, planting and irrigation — becoming one of Utah's premier water conservation teaching and demonstration gardens.

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District, as a member agency of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, encourages our customers to explore this valuable resource. Sign up for classes by going online to conservationgardenpark.org.



If you have any questions, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org. Follow TBID on Facebook and Twitter.



ornaments or lights? Please throw them away and don't put them in the recycle can





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